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The following reorganization of Soviet troops is scheduled to be carried out in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

1. The basic infantry unit of the Russian armies in the satellite countries is to be the platoon composed of four ten-man units as follows:

three rifle units, each divided into two groups armed with a machine gun, four light machine guns, and four rifles;

one grenade unit, armed with a machine gun and offensive and defensive grenades.

2. The company is made up of three rifle platoons and a staff platoon. There is, in addition, a heavy armament platoon including a machine gun section and two mortar sections, armed respectively with a heavy machine gun and two 50 mm. mortars.

3. The battalion is organized as follows:

battalion staff
communications platoon
three infantry companies
one battalion machine gun company (nine heavy machine guns)
one mortar battery (nine 82 mm. mortars)
one anti-tank platoon (two 45 mm. anti-tank guns)

4. The regiment consists of:

regimental staff
three infantry battalions
assault company with observation group
communications company
76.2 mm field battery
anti-tank battery (six 45 mm. guns)
engineer platoon
mortar battery (eight 120 mm. guns)
two anti-tank companies (18 guns each)
one supply company

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The assault companies in each regiment work in the rear areas and are armed exclusively with grenades, automatic rifles, and machine guns.

5. The division is composed as follows:

divisional staff
three infantry regiments
one divisional artillery regiment composed of:

three mixed artillery units of two batteries each, armed with four guns (total 24). These include two 76.2 mm. field batteries and one howitzer battery.

one heavy unit composed of two howitzer batteries (152 mm.) and one battery of long barreled cannon (107 mm.).

communications battalion
engineer battalion
anti-tank battalion including one Panzer Faust.
rear area command.

6. The corps is composed of:

two - four divisions
heavy artillery regiment
engineer battalion
communications battalion
tank regiment
two anti-aircraft sections
squadron with 20 aircraft

7. The cavalry formations are organized as follows:

cavalry platoon composed of two groups (15 riders each).
squadron composed of four platoons
cavalry regiment

five squadrons
machine gun squadron
anti-aircraft platoon
cavalry battery
mounted engineer squadron
intelligence squadron
rear area command

8. Heavy armored units are as follows:

tank platoon composed of five tanks
tank company

one command tank
three platoons

Total 16 tanks

tank battalion

one command tank
one staff tank
two light tank companies
one company of medium tanks
four mounted guns (on trucks or caterpillar tractors)

Total 50 tanks and four heavy cannons.

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